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administer oaths for passport purposes. This fee shall be collected as part of the passport application fee at the time of application and is not refundable (see § 51.65). When execution services are provided by an official of a state or local government or of the United States Postal Service, the fee may be retained by that entity to cover the costs of service pursuant to an appropriate agreement with the Department of State.

(c) A fee for expedited services, if any, provided pursuant to § 51.66.

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§ 51.62 Exemption from payment of passport or execution fee.

(a) The following persons are exempt from the payment of passport fees:

(1) An officer or employee of the U.S. proceeding abroad on official business, or the members of his or her immediate family authorized to accompany or reside with him or her abroad. The applicant shall submit evidence of the official purpose of his or her travel and if applicable his or her authorization to have dependents accompany or reside with him or her abroad.

(2) An American sailor who requires a passport in connection with his or her duties aboard an American flag-vessel.

(3) A widow, child, parent, brother, or a sister of a deceased American service member proceeding abroad to visit the grave of such service member.

(4) An employee of the United Seamen's Service who requires a passport for travel to assume or perform duties thereof. The applicant shall submit with his or her application a letter from the United Seamen's Service certifying that he or she is proceeding abroad on official business to provide facilities and services for U.S. merchant seamen.

(b) No person described in paragraph (a) (1), (2), (3), or (4) of this section shall be required to pay an execution fee when his or her application is executed before a Federal official.

(22 U.S.C. 2658 and 3926)

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§ 51.63 Refunds.

A collected passport application fee shall be refunded:

(a) To any person exempt from the payment of passport fees under § 51.62 from whom fees were erroneously collected.

(b) For procedures on refunds of \$5.00 or less see § 22.6(b) of this title.

(c) The passport expedite fee will be refunded if the Passport Agency does not provide the requested expedited processing as defined in § 51.66.

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§ 51.64 Replacement passports.

A passport issuing office shall issue a replacement passport without payment of a fee:

(a) To correct an error or rectify a mistake of the Department.

(b) When exceptional circumstances exist as determined by the Secretary.

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§ 51.65 Execution fee not refundable.

The fee for the execution of a passport application cannot be refunded.

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§ 51.66 Expedited passport processing.

(a) Within the United States, an applicant for a passport service (including issuance, amendment, extension, or the addition of visa pages) may request expedited processing by a Passport Agency. All requests by applicants for in-person services at a Passport Agency shall be considered requests for expedited processing, unless the Department has determined that the applicant is required to apply at a U.S. Passport Agency.

(b) Expedited passport processing shall mean completing processing within 3-business days commencing when the application reaches a Passport Agency or, if the application is already with a Passport Agency, commencing when the request for expedited processing is approved. The processing will be considered completed when the passport is ready to be picked